## **Tepid Demand Hurts Rubber**

A continuing downturn in automobile sales affected natural rubber consumption in May

 Last year, demand was initially good but fell from Nov and has not picked up yet

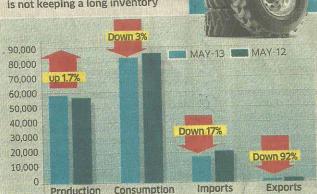
 Rains helped tapping after a long dry spell, which has led to a marginal rise in supply in May

 But a drop in export was expected as the difference between domestic and international prices narrowed down

 The dip in imports is due to a tepid demand because the tyre industry is not keeping a long inventory ₹ 200 per kg
Global prices in May
2012 making it lucrative for the exporters

:25-30per kg

Drop in global prices in May 2013 in comparison to May 2012



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